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Branch 124 set to honour veterans, fallen soldiers

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 124 is getting ready to pay tribute to the men and women who have fought for our freedom with two Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Followed by a two-week poppy campaign, which started on Oct. 28, the community is invited to gather on Nov. 11 at the Old Town Cenotaph on Queen Street at 10:45 a.m., as well as at the Cenotaph in Queenston at 12:45 p.m.

Both ceremonies will feature performances from local school choirs.

Allan Howse, chairman of the poppy campaign, said members of the community have been warm and welcoming, as they always are, but more help is never turned away.

"We're always looking for more people to help distribute the poppies," he said in a recent interview with the Advance.

There are about 200 businesses around town who have opened their doors to Branch 124's campaign.

"We're very thankful of all the assistance from the community," said Howse.

The branch also offers a youth education program where students participate in poem and poster contests - where they will create depictions of what Remembrance Day means to them.

There are about 250 members of Br. 124 and about 10 of them are veterans of the Second World War.

The poppy campaign always kicks off the last week of October - a little more than a month after Legion Week is celebrated every year - the third week in September.

"It's almost like an unofficial kickoff to the season," said Howse.

On Nov. 5, Branch 124 will host a veteran's dinner. The community is invited to attend but veteran's receive their meal for free.

On Nov. 10, Legion members will also visit local retirement homes to offer them a chance to participate in Remembrance Day.

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Virgil Fire Station established in the early 1940s

The history of Fire Station No. 3 is the third of all five stations within the Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire Department that will be featured in the Niagara Advance as part of Firefighter Appreciation Month and the 200th anniversary of the volunteer department.

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The Virgil Fire Station was established in the early 1940s as a sub-district station of the St. Davids firehall, the first Niagara Township volunteer fire department. The Virgil men sometimes met in Mr. Russ Brady's old garage which stood on the site presently occupied by Creek Road Paints.

According to records, some of the early members of the sub-station from the Virgil area were Russ Brady (41-), Charlie Kitchen (total years served 1941-1975), Wm. J. Hunter (41-), J. Penner (48-53), Harry Gibson (50-76), Wally Brown (50-73), Henry Kroeker (50-62), John Peters Sr. (50-62), Abe Warkentin (50-91), J. H. Andres (53-56), R. G. Hunter (55-72), W. Patterson (56-63), P. Latter (56-60) and Bill Friesen (57-75).

The number of volunteers continued to increase.

In 1959, Virgil had its own fire station built at the corner of Four Mile Creek Road and Lorraine Street to house the equipment. At this time, the Virgil area firemen were relocated to the new Virgil hall and joined by some new members Werner Tiessen (59-79), Dave Wall (59-65), Rudy Dyck (59-65), Jake W. Dick (59-75), Ed Andres (59-77), Jack Lutz (59-85) and Henry Berg (59-94) and J. Hunter, G. Steele, F. Nelissen and M. Gates (who started in 59). The first District 3 Fire Chief was W. E. Brown.

In October 1959, a Virgil Firemen's Association was formed and with a $500 loan from the Niagara Township Credit Union, the men bought materials to finish and furnish the room above the firehall for their meetings and social events.

One of the first social events held there, on May 27, 1960, was Ladies' Night, an event to acknowledge and thank the wives of the volunteer firefighters. According to history, the firefighter's wives were asked to bring sandwiches. That event still takes place annually, but is now catered.

In the early years of fire service for the Town and Township of Niagara-on-the-Lake, there was no formal answering system for emergency calls related to fire, ambulance and police services. A woman from Old Town, Alice Schmidt, operated a telephone answering service in NOTL from 1957-1973. All emergency calls were answered by her on a seven-day, 24-hour basis. She handled all calls from her wheelchair by day and from her bed by night.

After receiving the location of the fire, Alice would then trip the alarm at the corresponding fire hall and the first firefighter to reach the hall would phone Alice and then write it on the blackboard. She would also phone about four or five firefighters' wives and they in turn would phone four or five firefighters to inform them of the location of the fire.

A quote issued as a tribute to Alice when she received the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Centennial Medal stated "She always was and still is a very special person to her firefighter friends." And there are many firefighters and their wives in NOTL that still remember that very special lady.

The original fire truck used by the volunteer firemen from the Virgil satellite hall was a model A Ford equipped with hose and tanks and an ARP portable pumper towed behind. This truck was kept in a garage, owned by a local businessman, George Gibson, at the corner of Four Mile Creek Road and Niagara Stone Road.

It was used when fire scenes were located in the Virgil area. A second truck, a 1953 Chevrolet truck with a Bickle-Seagrave Triple Combination Pumper, was purchased new in 1953 and also stored in Virgil.

That vehicle was eventually given to the Niagara District Airport and, after a few other different owners, was found and bought by the Virgil Firefighters' Association and is presently stored at the fire hall now located on Concession 6 near Niagara Stone Rd.

In those early years, the Firemen's Association bought a used Feasby Dry Cleaning Van and refurbished it to carry their coats, boots and hats to fire scenes. This gave the firefighters the ability to go directly to fire scenes without having to go to the firehall first, thereby saving valuable time on reaching the scene. A second Feasby Van was bought to replace the original because the rear springs holding the rear axle came through the floor. These vans were nicknamed the "gut wagons."

When that van gave out, a third van was purchased by the Town and the firemen's association outfitted this van from scrounged material and voluntary labour.

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The Virgil Fire Station.

The list of dedicated volunteers continued to grow for the Virgil Fire Station. Honorary Members, most of whom served 15 years or more are listed as Len Bissell (60-78), Art Penner (60-76), Bob Hunter (60-79), Art Berg (60-91), Nick Woelk (61-80), Leno Mori (63-66), John Andres (63-71), Jack Bell (65-80), Bill Neudorf (65-87), John Kirkby (65-92), Ron Wiebe (71-01), Vic Dyck (72-88), Gerry Dyck (76-91), Dennis Dick (76-91), Bob Dick (76-06), Frank Pohorly (73-06), John Peters Jr. (75-84), Al Paterson (65-72), Herb Watson (77-02), John Enns (77-03), Jeff Goodman (78-06), Gerry Goetz (78-06), Tom Halamay (79-94), Bill Goetz (79-98), Don McCormick (80-94), Tom Jenkins (84-16), Dick Teather (84-04), Gary Disher (85-01), Larry Falk (88-06) and Brian Parkinson (93-04). The total years of volunteer service by the original Virgil Firemen and the Honorary Members is listed as 916.

District Fire Chief W. Brown was followed by Ed Andres, John Kirkby and Bob Dick who, coincidentally, all had three daughters. The current District Chief is Rick Gray.

As time progressed, additional duties were expected by the firefighters and new equipment was purchased to meet those responsibilities. The recruitment of volunteers continued as well. The name of the Virgil Firemen's Association was changed to the Virgil Firefighters' Association to recognize the women who have joined the NOTL Fire Department.

On Sat. Aug. 29, 2009, an official opening of the new and present District 3 Fire Station on Concession 6 near the Niagara Stone Road was held. Much appreciated financial support from the Virgil Business Association, in return for firefighter volunteers at the Virgil Stampede, helped to secure several upgrades to the building that would provide a positive atmosphere for the volunteers, and meet the needs of business and social events, in the future.

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Windsor mosquitoes test negative for Zika

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A mosquito species believed responsible for most human cases of Zika virus has been discovered in Windsor.

Windsor-Essex County Health Unit announced the earlier discovery of that Aedes aegypti species on Friday.

Aegypti is a species of international concern because it can also be a transmitter of yellow fever, dengue, West Nile, and chikungunya.

The discovery was made by a team that included the health unit, Public Health Ontario, Brock University and Entomogen Inc.

Those three aegypti mosquitoes — which also tested negative for Zika and West Nile Disease — are believed to be the first time found in Canada.

It happened during surveillance for Aedes albopictus, another invasive species discovered earlier this summer that area.

In a Friday media conference held at Brock, Fiona Hunter, professor of medical entomology at Brock's department of biological sciences, said while the location where the two species were found, cold winter temperatures most certainly will kill off aegyptiand probably also albopictus.

Although albopictus, also known as the Asian tiger mosquito, can transmit viruses including Zika, it's not the species responsible for the majority of human cases of Zika.

"We do not think that this poses any risk whatsoever to people in the Windsor health unit this year," she said of the aegypti discovery earlier this month. "It's the end of the season, these aegypti will undoubtedly be killed off with the winter weather.

"We're not 100 per cent sure albopictus will be killed off, so we're working with Windsor health unit in the spring and will resume enhanced surveillance.

Hunter, who is also president of the entomological company Entomogen, said when albopictus was previously discovered in the Windsor area, a decision was made to do "enhanced surveillance" and that's when the aegypti, also known as Yellow Fever mosquito, were found.

It is believed the mosquitoes found may have been transported somehow to the Windsor area in small amounts of water contained in a vessel or artificial container, possibly in cargo.

"We expect the mode of entrance into Windsor (for both species) could have come in cargo or somebody's vehicle if they've brought home something from an area where they were present," Hunter said.

"We don't know if these are ... separate examples, and we are still looking to see if we can determine the source population."

"This is something of concern and we are keeping our eyes on it," she added.

The Zika virus is spread primarily by bites from infected mosquitoes.

Most people infected suffer a mild and temporary illness, at worst. But infection during pregnancy can causes severe brain-related birth defects.

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Alessio Gasparotto, manager at Entomogen Inc. and Bryan Girodano, PhD candidate, centre for Biotechnology, show two different mosquito traps, left, a BG Sentinel and right, a CDC light trap at Brock University in St. Catharines on Friday.

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(left) Alessio Gasparotto, manager at Entomogen Inc., Dr. Fiona Hunter, prof. of medical entomology, department of biological sciences and Bryan Girodano, PhD candidate, centre for Biotechnology, Brock University, speak to the media about a new type of mosquito discovered by Dr. Hunter during a press conference at Brock University in St. Catharines on Friday.

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Point of View

How far should police go in digital age

At some point last Thursday, 7,500 cellphones were set to receive a text message from the Ontario Provincial Police, simply because the owners happened to be near an Ottawa-area intersection nearly a year ago, where Frederick (John) Hatch was last seen.

These text messages raise a question: How far, in the digital age, should police be allowed to go to solve a crime?

Hatch was last seen in a dollar store; then his torched body turned up hundreds of kilometres away. Police are stumped. So they requested cellphone numbers of everyone who was in the Nepean neighbourhood. It's a massive dragnet, gathering up numbers in order to find witnesses.

It's not uncommon for police to request data from cellphone companies, says Teresa Scassa, Canada Research Chair in Information Law at the University of Ottawa. For instance, Rogers disclosed information, due to court order or a warrant, more than 70,000 times last year. What's odd here is that the police are using the information to contact witnesses, not track down potential criminals (who, by the way, could try to object to police practices in court), and that there are no real safeguards in place to ensure personal privacy. "What's the forum for (people) to raise issues, to raise their privacy concerns?" says Scassa.

Getting this data did require a justice of the peace to sign off. But the OPP won't say where or when that happened. While this instance involved only phone numbers, police have, in the past, requested names and addresses of cellphone customers. And the scale of this particular operation would startle most people.

It isn't particularly difficult to track people down with a cellphone number as a starting point. Yet the police defend the tactic, saying "If it was your loved one, would you not expect the police to do everything possible to identify the person or persons responsible?"

The answer for many, maybe most, is yes. But ends don't always justify means; this could be the start of a slippery slope. We leave digital data everywhere, through many of our actions. This time, police are dealing with cellphone data, but next time, theoretically, they could request information about purchases or transit card uses.

It's not that the police should never use such tactics. It's that we don't know what the safeguards are and how securely or for how long police are storing the data. As far as we can tell, there will be no one in court arguing for the public's privacy interests in such cases.

Far, far more information and assurances are needed.

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Do you remember?

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This First World War picture shows Polish soldiers and kitchen crew heading up Melville Street for Camp Niagara. They arrived mostly from the U.S. on one of the many large steamships that came to town. The big building in the background is the old basket factory which burned to the ground, Friday Jan. 13 1961. Flames from this largest single building fire in the old town could be seen from St.Catharines to Niagara Falls.

Letter to the Editor

UNPLEASANT TRUTHS REGARDING REFUGEE PROBLEMS

While I do agree with a number of the observations made in the Point of View (Niagara Advance, Oct. 27) concerning refugees, it would be very interesting to know where the 12-month time limit came from and who decided this.

Any person with a reasonable amount of common sense and who is not otherwise naïve knows full well that unless the migrant/refugee has a high level of job skills that are in demand (not dishwashers etc.) the family is unlikely to become self-sufficient within this time period and will probably require public welfare to survive (all at taxpayers expense) for a long time if not indefinitely.

These same taxpayers were never consulted by the private sponsor groups who can walk away from the problem after their 12-month commitment.

If it is the intent of these sponsor groups and the federal government to continue accepting migrant/refugees, they need to inform themselves of the distressing and unpleasant truth concerning the movement of migrant/refugees to Europe and the catastrophe that is taking place there right now.

It is not unreasonable (nor is it an affront to political correctness) to ask who they are, how many of them are being sponsored and what skills they bring to this country.

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Will your doctor be with you when it counts? Maybe

When I was a kid in London, Ontario in the late 1940s our family doctor, Bill Mace, made house calls to look after my parents, my sister and me when we were sick at home, met me in tbe emergency room when I crashed my bike and head and stitched up the big gash, and looked after me when I was in hospital when I had pneumonia.

Consultants were just that: called on when needed but never usurped Mace's overall supervision and daily visits. Much has changed.

Except in rural areas, family pbysicians usually don't look after the family and with a few outriders, house calls have gone the way of the do-do bird.

And when we really get sick and end up in the emergency room or in hospital, it isn't your family doctor you will see (except for rural areas in Ontario, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont with which I'm familiar).

There's a good chance that your family doctor doesn't have hospital privileges, especially in an urban environment, doesn't want privileges and unless trained in emergency medicine and internal medicine, may not be qualified in the eyes of the hospital's credentialing committee to look after you in most comprehensive care bospitals.

In short, family practice has become an outpatient, daytime operation that deals with the management of a host of chronic health problems such as diabetes, headaches and hypertension for example, periodic cbeckups and lab testing, minor procedures and writing and renewing medications. Just don't count on seeing your family physician in the emergency room, or, should you be admitted to bospital, seeing him or her any time during your visit.

Should you be admitted to hospital, especially in an urban area, there's a good chance you'll be looked after by hospitalists, working on shifts, not unlike the nurses. But just who are hospitalists?

In the last quarter century in Canada and tbe U.S., responsibility for in-patient care has shifted from family physicians to physicians whose sole responsibility is limited to in-hospital care.

Most are specialists in internal medicine although some are family physicians with subspecialty training and experience in medical emergencies and in-hospital care. In both instances, the hospitalist's care ends at discbarge without any provision for follow-up except by your family physician.

Of course if a surgeon operated on you, there's a good chance she will want to see you in follow-up.

The switch to hospitalists evolved in the face of a sbortage of physicians to cover in-hospital care. That shortage included tertiary care centers because 24/7 coverage by residents and fellows was no long tenable in the face of mandated cuts in the number of funded residency positions, and cutbacks in the hours they were allowed to work.

By-and-large the switch to hospitalists has been a success system provided the necessary effort was made to maintain communication between hospitalists and family physicians working outside the hospital.

Unfortunately that isn't always the case, Despite living in the era of electronic records, important information about you isn't always accessible to those working in the emergency room and hospital and should your care involve a stay in hospital, the results of that care may not get back to your family physician or if it does, that information in the form of a discharge summary, operative or procedural reports and tests, may be a long time coming.

The missing ingredient in all of this is your family physician once you're admitted to hospital. After all, who knows you better than your family physician?

The current system in which very ill patients go the emergency room, sometimes to be admitted, means that patients are surrounded, not by their trusted health care advisors and even friends of several years standing, but by strangers unfamiliar with their quirks and needs and who may or may not have timely access to the patient's medical records.

To make such a siloed system work requires constant effort and on-going communication between hospitalists, nurses and other staff on different shifts and between hospitalists and your family physician. Unfortunately it doesn't always work that way.

To close the gap between primary care physicians and hospitalists Wachter and Pantilast in 2002 suggested that primary care physicians make a "continuity visit" when their patients were hospitalized, to maintain involvement and help coordinate tbeir care. They envisioned a visit once or twice during a patient's hospital stay that would involve a brief discussion with the patient, a focused exam, and documentation to assist the hospitalist team.

All very nice, but in my experience, hospitals haven't been all that welcoming of primary care physicians and for their part, primary care physicians not only feel cut out of the loop in hospitals but within a decade or so settled into their outpatient practices, bappy to have the responsibilities of in-hospital care off their back.

The worst part of this split was that physicians working in hospitals and those in primary care rarely see one another again tbese days, and certainly not over the bedside of the same patient.

Except for those primary care physicians whose practice is near the hospital, it's hard for most physicians to find the time in a busy outpatient practice to get back and forth to the hospital to see their patients in and out of hospital.

"One of the most notable changes in the delivery of medical care in the United States (read much of Canada here too) in the past quarter century has been the near disappearance of primary care physicians from general medical inpatient care, replaced by a new breed of generalist; the hospitalist."... "Good communication among hospitalist team members and between hospitalists and primary care physicians can lead to seamless, efficient well coordinated care; however shift-work schedules and suboptimal communication and pass-offs can result in fragmented, impersonal care and excessive testing. In patients often ask, "Who is the (my) doctor here?" "That's certainly one of the problems with hospitalist care. But the other is the lack of visits from the patient's primary care physicians." "In 2002,

Those regular out patient visits with your primary care physician build trust between patient and physician (or nurse) and an implicit, if unstated expectation on the part of some patients, that when things really go wrong, their physician will be there for them – quarterbacking their care.

But as I've said above, that's far from the case. These days, anyone you see in the hospital will be a stranger with whom you have no bond of trust and if you happen to be admitted, more often than not, a hospitalist will look after you.

Hospitalists are usually specialists in Internal Medicine or in some cases, Family Medicine who have training and experience in in-patient problems and care. However good they are - and most are very good - they aren't your doctor – the one you built up that trust with, often over many years. And the worst part is that the two, the hospitalist and your family doctor may never actually talk to one another except electronically or know one another. They live in two different worlds. That's too bad for us.

From tbe point of view of outcomes, hospitalists seem to do a good job and for tbe most part, patients are happy with the care they receive in hospital. It's just that once you're out the door, that's it, you never see tbem again.

And just as unfortunate is the fact that during your time in hospital chances are, you may never see your family physician unless they're working in a Family Practice unit immediately adjacent to the hospital.

So just when you need the familiar face of your doctor with whom you're familiar, who knows you and you trust to help your make difficult decisions - you probably won't see that familiar face.

Of course there are exceptions some family physicians make house calls, participate in palliative care and hospice and make the effort to see their patients in hospital wben they can.

But finding time for Family doctors isn't easy these days because getting to and fro between the office and hospital is time consuming and anything but easy, when the clinic is busy.

That's too bad because what we've managed to create – unintentionally – is a very siloed bealtb care system, where the bits and pieces barely communicate with one another except through reports, wbich too often come late, or sometimes get lost in the 'cloud', despite all the claims for E medicine.

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To raise awareness regarding the research the Town's UNESCO Committee has undertaken and a potential application to Parks Canada to be considered for Parks Canada's Tentative List. An application to Parks Canada is the first step toward being considered for a World Heritage nomination by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). The purpose of the study undertaken so far, has been to determine whether the Town contains resources of 'Outstanding Universal Value' as defined by UNESCO requirements and which cultural heritage resources embody that value.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on any proposed matter is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public information meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. There will be two opportunities for public input.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

Date: November 17, 2016
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Place: Mori Room, Community Centre
14 Anderson Lane
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

Date: November 29, 2016
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Place: Simpson Room, Community Centre
14 Anderson Lane
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing please send a letter c/o Town Clerk Holly Dowd, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario, L0S 1T0.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Denise Horne at 905-468-3061, extension 297 or dhorne@notl.org. A copy of this notice can be found on the Town's website at www.notl.org.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 3rd day of November 2016.

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You are invited to attend a public information forum

Find out what's happening and how you can get involved in Niagara-on-the-Lake's celebration of Canada's Sesquicentennial in 2017!

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Mori Room, Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre
14 Anderson Lane, Niagara-on-the-Lake

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BUSINESS PROFILE 2016

Newark Neighbours

Newark Neighbours has been providing a service to the community of Niagara-on-the-Lake for over 44 years. Its founder, Peggy Anderson, established the non-profit organization in 1972. It began as a place for seasonal agricultural workers who travel to Canada to work on the local farms to buy household and clothing items. It has now grown to include local residents in need as well as those who love the adventure of thrift store shopping!

Newark Neighbours retail shop was initially set up in the entrance of the home purchased by Dr. Afrukteh, now the Riverbend Inn, located on the corner of the Niagara Parkway and John Street. With the success of the cbarity, it needed more space and moved to a nearby building.

The retail shop which is open to the general public, continues to be a favourite with the seasonal agricultural workers who also send items back home to their families, and is great for thrift store shoppers. There are bargains galore. You will find everything from fabulous designer and comfort clothing, footwear and accessories for all ages, to essential household things or décor items. The income from the retail shop provides the necessary funds to operate the most essential part of the Newark Neighbours operation - **The Food Bank.**

Newark Neighbours is Niagara-on-the-Lake's only non-profit organization that provides food for local residents in financial need. The financial criteria is determined by Statistics Canada. The food bank is available for individuals and/or families, regardless of age, or number of dependants. Think you might qualify or know someone or a family who might? Contact Newark Neighbours on Mondays at 905-468-3519 and ask for Marion, the Food Bank Manager, for details. Financial documentation is required before food bank assistance is approved. Food staples are provided every two weeks to qualified recipients. Thanksgiving and Christmas hampers are also provided to help make these events more enjoyable for those in need.

Newark Neighbours has always been run entirely by volunteers. It has evolved to develop a board of directors and now has thirty dedicated volunteers. The volunteers are devoted workers wbo diligently sort and stock the shelves with clean or gently used items donated by the community. They also stock the food bank shelves and freezers with food items from local food drives or from generous local donors.

The charity relies on the kind donations from the community and is grateful for items that are dropped off to the shop. The sales depend on the quality of the items donated. **Please note that Newark Neighbours can only accept what they can sell.** If it is worn, torn or dirty please don't donate it. Space restrictions limit what can accepted. **Please DO drop off items on the DO list and DON'T drop off items on the DON'T list.** See these lists below. Disposing of the "don't" items is one of the charity's biggest challenges. The expense to remove/dispose of the "don't" items is often more than several days of sales, which means less funds available to buy food for the food bank. Thank you for kindly donating items on the 'do" list!!

Newark Neighbours volunteers are grateful to the Niagara Advance for posting frequent articles and community messages, helping communicate appreciation to the donors as well as requests for items needed for the Newark Neighbours shop.

The Newark Neighbours retail shop is located 310 John Street E (turn into Riverbend Inn driveway and Newark's entrance is to the right). It is open:
November to March: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm April to October: same as above and open Sunday 9:30 am – 2:00 to accommodate the seasonal agricultural workers.

Plan to make a donation to Newark Neighbours and stop to shop!

Donation Check list for Newark Neighbours

YES

- New or slightly used washed clothing (in good repair)
- New or slightly used clean shoes, boots or running shoes
- Bedding, blankets in good condition, washed
- Small house appliances cleaned and in working order
- Dishes, glasses, bowls etc, clean and not chipped
- Cutlery, cooking utensils, pots, pans that are clean
- Baby, small children cloths, bedding and blankets cleaned
- Not expired canned foods, jarred items
- packaged snacks, juices, rice, pastas, cereals, oatmeal etc
- New toiletries, paper towels, toilet tissue, cleaning supplies

NO

- No Mattresses
- No Shower doors, toilets, sinks, large mirrors, large carpets
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- No Large light fixtures, or ceiling mounted lights or fans
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- No Furniture
- No Large branches or yard waste etc
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- No Car seats, cribs, etc
- No Sports equipment
- No Books

We appreciate your support and your kind consideration when making any donations to Newark Neighbours.

310 John St East, Box 1090, Niagara-on-the-Lake L0S 1J0 905-468-3519

Keeping squirrels from bird feeders can be a challenge

Many thanks to a reader who recognized the mystery plant in my picture two weeks ago. It is mirabilis jalapa, commonly known as four o'clocks.

Originally found in the Andes Mountains, they are now grown in many parts of the U.S. and are perennial in zones 7-11.

Here however, you need to collect the seeds and start them indoors in early spring. The seeds are reasonably large and fall to the ground readily, so I may have many volunteers in the spring (not necessarily where I want them to be). The seeds need soaking or nicking before planting. They are delightful, coming in pink, red, purple, yellow and white, but some are multi-coloured. They are drought-resistant, which I can attest to, as they grew magnificently for me this summer. They attract butterflies, bees and hummingbirds, and the flowers open in the evening from 4 p.m. (thus the name) to 8 p.m. They will open earlier on a cloudy day.

Four o'clocks, along with moonflowers, evening primrose, and flowering tobacco (nicotiana) all bloom late in the day so are sometimes referred to as flowers for a commuter garden, because when you get home from work and go out to the patio, they are blooming and all have a very rich and heady fragrance. Now I know a little more, they are my new, favourite flower, though that tends to be a revolving item.

Another reader asked what can be done to keep squirrels away from the bird feeder. You might be interested to know that North American fossil records verify the presence of grey squirrels as early as 50 million years ago, so my money is on the squirrels. Like raccoons, they can be cute to look at which probably saves them from outright carnage, but they can be flea-infested and can make a terrible mess if they get into your home. They have very sharp teeth that continue growing which is one of the reasons they like to chew on things. One of their favourite treats is plastic-coated wire which for them is like fancy dental floss. So if you have lots of outdoor wiring, try to protect it with other types of coverings.

One obvious solution for keeping squirrels from the bird feeder is to make the feeder hard for them to reach. The best bet is a post with the feeding station at least four to five feet high (1.2 metres), at least eight to 10 feet (2.4 to 3.1 metres) from an overhead jumping-off point, with cover from bushes or branches within 12 to 20 feet (3.7 to 6.1m) for nervous birds. If your bird feeder is on a wire which the squirrels can run along and jump onto, you can make baffles with plastic bottles or tins. Put a hole in the bottom of several plastic bottles and force the wire through the bottles. The squirrels will try to walk along this but the bottles will keep turning around so the squirrels can't take hold properly. (Not exactly the prettiest solution, though.)

Squirrels enjoy the challenge of getting to the food reward on your feeder. Once they've mastered something, such as hanging by one foot from an overhead baffle to reach for seeds, they seem to relish trying to do it again and again. Another possibility is to feed the squirrels in a separate area. They love corn, fresh or dried fruits, peanut butter, peanuts, roasted and unsalted and sunflower seeds. Think of it as critter trail mix. The obvious problem with this solution is cost, especially when you are feeling inhospitable towards them in the first place. You can cover your wooden feeder posts with metal, grease, or paint the post red (which they don't like), and buy any number of evil-smelling products which will deter them for a time until they get used to them. If you have a friendly electrician around, you can wrap the posts with electric fence wire. You can even use a pulley system, like an old-fashioned clothesline from a window on your second floor to a distant pole. Add some baffles and you can bring the pulley in for refilling the seed compartment.

Really, the only sure-fire method is to cut down all your trees, and implore your neighbours to do the same, remove all edible material from your yard and invest in a large dog. Drastic, but effective.

Presently I have two greys and a black eating my seeds, but earlier in the summer I had two rabbits and a raccoon. I prefer the squirrels, I think. I can always stop feeding the birds as a solution, but they're fun to watch. But don't get me going on grackles.

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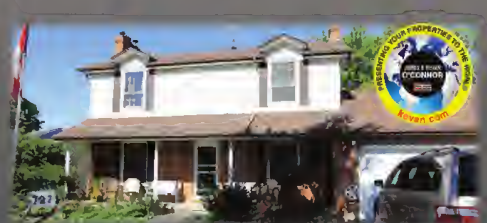

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NOTL golf course vandalized

KRIS DUBÉ,
Special to the Niagara Advance

An act of vandalism that occurred overnight Sunday, Oct. 23, at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club has police and owners of the historic course shaking their heads.

Sometime after 10:30 p.m., multiple individuals broke four gas-operated golf carts from the outdoor area they were being stored in and took them for a joyride throughout most of the nine-hole course, which is also the oldest golf track in North America.

Greens and bunkers were also damaged in the escapade and the carts were eventually found severely damaged at the bottom of the embankment near the sixth green.

A tow truck had to be called in so course owners could bring them back to ground level and assess the destruction.

"This was a case of criminal mischief. This was not a funny joke," says the Niagara Regional Police's media relations officer, Const. Phil Gavin.

He also says evidence gathered by police suggests that more than one person is responsible and that other people know of the incident, along with who was involved.

"The investigation is ongoing by detectives of the 2 District Criminal Investigation Branch. We are asking anyone with information to call us or Crimestoppers," said Gavin.

John Wiens, general manager and part owner of the historic course, says the culprits had to do a fair amount of work to access the carts, which were locked to a cable on the property.

"They had to cut and sort of unscrew the clasps to get the carts free," said Wiens.

He says the people responsible caused about $15,000 worth of harm.

"Thank goodness there wasn't a lot of damage to the greens," said Wiens.

In recent months, other acts of vandalism on the golf course's property have occurred too, said Wiens.

Broken Muskoka chairs, damage to the practice green near the clubhouse, as well as pins being thrown down the embankment, are all things course management have had to put up with.

According to the general manager, this week's vandalism is far worse than anything seen in recent memory.

"You take it personally and wonder why they're doing that on a Sunday night," said Wiens.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact police at 905-688-4111.

PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

An act of vandalism believed to have occurred overnight last Sunday at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club has resulted in about $15,000 in damage, according to course owners.

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10 BUNNY GLEN DRIVE $1,028,000

Stunning custom built executive bungalow in a desirable neighborhood in Niagara-On-The Lake. This open concept home has 4400 sq. ft. of living space on an 79 foot extra wide lot with extensive landscaping and 3 car extra large garage. This 3-year-old home features many upgrades from granite counters, to high end cabinetry, appliances, walnut select grade hardwood, porcelain tile, extra large showers. The fully finished basement with extra large windows includes a fitness room, rec room, bedroom with 3 piece ensuite and walk in closet, very large workshop/ storage area and a walk-up to the garage. The 20 by 12-foot covered porch has pot-lights & speakers. **MLS 30545670. Randy Armstrong**

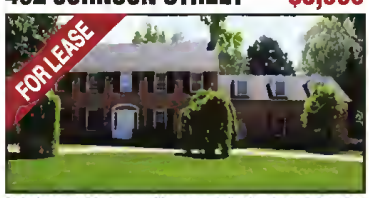
7 TOTTENHAM COURT $775,000

This lovely brick home in desirable Garrison Village is an oasis of comfort, privacy and mature landscaped gardens. Renovations and upgrades include hardwood floors, a designer kitchen, large sunroom, and an elegant master bedroom with 5 piece bath and customized walk-in closet. Plenty of space for family, friends and entertaining. **MLS 30546412 Colleen Blake.**

45 RICARDO STREET $679,000

This charming 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom character home features many updates and seasonal views of the Niagara River and Lake Ontario located in an excellent location just steps to the water, Queens Royal Park and a short stroll to all the amenities of Queen Street. **MLS 30546438. Victoria Bolduc and Sarah Gleddie.**

402 JOHNSON STREET $3,500



5 bedroom brick home with centre hall plan located in prime neighbourhood of Niagara on the Lake one block from the lake and golf course. Home offers spacious principal rooms, 4 large bedrooms on upper level, 3 with walk in closets. The spacious master bedroom has a 4 piece ensuite with skylight and a 2nd staircase leads to a private guest suite with 4 piece ensuite. Situated on a treed lot with oversized 2 car garage with private back gardens and patios. $3500 per month **MLS 30546306 Thomas Elltoft.**

166 GATE STREET $796,000

Classic home situated in a highly desirable location less than one block from the main street of Niagara on the Lake and close to the Niagara River. This character house has been lovingly restored offering convenient modern amenities. Features include newly renovated kitchen and bathrooms, original wood floors, trim and doors, fireplace, large entertainment size porch, mature landscaping and good sized yard. **MLS New. Thomae Elltoft and Kim Elltoft.**

14456 NIAGARA RIVER PARKWAY $1,395,000

Great end unit Townhome Condominium, located in the desirable Matthew's Glen in Niagara-on-the-Lake. This home has a bright and spacious living room. The large den/dinning room could very easily be converted to another bedroom. Rear yard deck 11.6 x 8 feet. **MLS 30538244. Randy Armstrong.**

4 BROWN'S POINT CIRCLE $1,479,000

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555 VICTORIA STRET $949,000

This purposely built bed and breakfasts offers the both the guests and owners wonderful space and is located in the historic town of Niagara-on-the-lake. Featuring 4 + 2 bedrooms, (4 ensuites) this detached home has 2 sitting areas, 2 outside sitting areas and features main floor living for the owner. Upstairs are 3 large bedroom, with ensuites, a sitting area with skylight window and a gas fireplace in the sitting area and a large laundry room. The large kitchen is ideal for the foodie in you. Continue to run it as a B&B or just live in and enjoy your personal weekend guests. **Trish Badham.**

927 CONCESSION 5 RD $699,000

Located in rural NOTL minutes to town, solid split level home across from vineyards. 6.2 acres of prime soil. Features hardwood floors, granite counter. California shutters throughout with a back yard 1500 sq. ft. workshop and lower level apartment for rental income. A must see! **MLS 30537409. Philip Bowron.**

12 UPPER CANADA DRIVE $729,000

If you value privacy this home is for you, situated on a beautiful treed lot 120.00 x 146.92 with in-ground heated pool. Spacious, open and light filled this home offers 2800 sq. ft. of finished living space. Gleaming hardwood floors, large Bay windows, white Millbrook Cabinetry and more. 3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms plus a finished lower level walk up with family room and cozy fireplace, office, 4th bedroom, and 3rd bathroom. The Basement is also finished featuring a huge recreation room. Home is move in ready. **Chris Bowron or Audrey Wright.**

85 QUEENSTON STREET $879,000

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235 SIMCOE STREET $995,000

This beautiful Georgian style home circa 1828 has been impeccably restored and is complimented by all the amenities of today. Many wonderful features include five fireplaces. This home has immense appeal, great location, elegance, quality and style. Cedar shake roof (2016) **MLS 30532009. Bonnie Grimm or Victoria Bolduc.**

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Province supports Gates' MRI motion

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Liberals, Progressive Conservatives and New Democrats unanimously supported Niagara Falls NDP MPP Wayne Gates' motion to address lengthy wait times for MRI services in Niagara.

"We took an important step towards ensuring Niagara residents have timely access to quality health care," said Gates.

The motion calls on the Ontario government to immediately take the necessary steps to work with and enable the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network to address current wait times for MRI in Niagara, which Gates said far exceeds the provincial average.

In September, Gates said the province has mandated a 28-day limit in waits, but that the average in Niagara was more than 100 days.

The motion was spurred by Niagara residents who brought the issue of high MRI (Medical Resonance Imaging) wait times to the attention of Gates' Niagara Falls constituency office.

"No resident in Ontario should be forced to wait 100, 200 days to receive an MRI — an important medical procedure," said Gates.

"It's time the provincial government made quality healthcare a priority. We, as Canadians, pride ourselves in our health-care system, but the current state in Niagara is nothing to be proud of. We must do better for the people of Niagara, and reducing MRI wait times is a good place to start."

Gates previously met with representatives from Niagara Health to discuss strategies for reducing wait times for Niagara residents seeking MRI services.

"We appreciate our partnership and everything MPP Gates does to support healthcare in Niagara and his constituents," said Niagara Health president Suzanne Johnston.

Opposition MPPs congratulated Gates for his efforts in advocating for improved health-care services in his home region.

Wayne Gates

"Before we become critics or before we become ministers or parliamentary assistants, our first allegiance is to the people who send us down here in the first place," said Liberal Labour minister Kevin Flynn.

"We're supposed to represent those constituencies, and when we see something in our constituencies we'd like to see work better, it's our job to bring forward that information, working through the ministries, working through private members' time and advocating in any way you can to get what you need done for your community. I think that's exactly what the member is doing in this regard."

A Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine lights up an examining room.

Prince Edward-Hastings PC MPP Todd Smith said Gates "always does a great job standing up" for his constituents.

"Obviously, there is a lack of connection in our healthcare system, and I think that's part of the concern brought forward by (Gates)," said Smith.

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D'Angelo appointed as Region CAO

MARYANNE FIRTH
Postmedia Network

A countrywide search for a regional CAO has yielded a new top bureaucrat from Niagara's own backyard.

After a lengthy in-camera discussion, regional council appointed Carmen D'Angelo to the leadership role during a special meeting Monday.

D'Angelo has worked as CAO for Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority since 2014.

His resignation from the agency, effective Nov. 13, was announced shortly after the regional decision was finalized.

News of D'Angelo taking the top post did not come without controversy.

About 10 protesters stood in front of Niagara Region headquarters prior to the meeting with signs opposing his selection. The group is calling for an audit of the NPCA.

His appointment also came just days after a citizen-driven report about D'Angelo and the operations of the NPCA was circulated to councillors.

The document calls for provincial intervention into the NPCA's operations.

Regional Chairman Alan Caslin was confident council made the right decision with its selection of D'Angelo.

The selection process was not only fair, he said, but also "thorough and consistent with what council's expectations were."

"I can assure you the process was followed exactly without any deviation from what council requested us to do."

The CAO recruitment committee, which consisted of Caslin, Welland Mayor Frank Campion, Lincoln Mayor Sandra Easton, Grimsby Coun. Tony Quirk and Niagara Falls Coun. Bob Gale, was unanimous in its recommendation to council.

Caslin said there were "85-plus" applicants for the position. That list was whittled down to five candidates who were interviewed.

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Carmen DíAngelo addresses the Niagara Regional Policed Services Board business plan steering committee in this file photo.

Those candidates were required to make a presentation to the recruitment committee and Caslin was impressed with D'Angelo's approach.

"I was quite comfortable with the presentation he put forward. It was thorough. It was well thought through and innovative," he said.

He credited D'Angelo for his "innovative method of finding solutions" and his collaborative approach to working with a large group.

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Peggy Anderson Award and Community Events

Landscape Of Nations Working Group

Earlier in October, after eight years of planning and a year of construction, the Landscape of Nations Memorial at Queenston Heights was unveiled to the public. The concept for this very significant memorial was launched when a small group of people formed a sub-committee of the 1812 bicentennial commemorations to ensure a permanent legacy would be created, one that would recognize the contributions of native allies to the the outcome of the war. This was a story that needed to be told . . . and retold, until all Canadians are aware of this important part of their history. Under the leadership of Richard Merritt and Tim Johnson, this $1.8 million project has now become a permanent memorial where visitors will learn, long into the future, the crucial role natives played in the outcome of the historic battles of the War of 1812, and the important peace process that followed. It is time to say thank you to the working group, for making this important memorial a reality.

Peggy Anderson Award

This is an award that goes to an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution to our community, and any one of us here who has visited the Landscape of Nations Memorial, and has heard about the work that went into it, will understand why we are giving this award to the working group that made it happen. It will be a lasting legacy right here in our community to help recognize an important part of our history, to working group members Richard D. Merritt, Tim Johnson, John Hawley, Rick Hill, Sarah Maloney, Clark Bernat, Dennis Martel, Ron Gourlay and it wouldn't have happened without the vision and dedication of these people. Congratulations, and thank you.

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GORD HARRIS

Gord Harris is one of our very active senior citizens who has been a volunteer in one capacity or another most of his adult life in NOTL. He got involved with Red Roof Retreat, our local organization that provides programs for special needs children, more than a decade ago. It began with him cutting the grass at the rural facility, but the time he spends there has become so much more. He brings treats for the animals, he chats with clients, and is just a general go-to guy when a helpful hand is needed. His cheerful nature makes him a pleasure to have around, and in terms of lawn maintenance services, he saves the organization thousands of dollars each year, which is money that can be spent on the kids and programming for them. Red Roof is grateful to have his assistance, and we're happy to be able to recognize his contribution with this award.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION

SHAW GUILD GARDENERS

Tonight we would like to recognize the Shaw Guild volunteer gardeners for their outstanding efforts in helping to maintain and develop the Shaw Festival gardens since the early 1990s. In recent years, they have created three new garden venues in areas where there was once nothing but chest-high weeds and scrub. Now these gardens provide tranquil settings for the many patrons, both local and visitors to our town, before shows and at intermission. There have even been several weddings that have taken place in these newly expanded Shaw gardens, a testament to the sucess of the volunteers who come out each Tuesday morning from the beginning of April to the end of October. They bring an enormous amount of energy and enthusiasm to planting, weeding, watering and freshening the gardens, and in the process have become a very close-knit and social group. Their dedication and efforts are there for all to see. Thank you, Shaw Guild gardeners - we are grateful for the great job you do for the community each year.

CONTRIBUTION TO SPORTS

MATT HAHN

This year marks the 13th season that Matt Hahn has been volunteering with the Niagara-on-the-Lake Soccer Club. He currently coaches the NOTL Under 13 Rangers. Matt said he enjoys coaching because he grew up playing soccer in the local league, and at a provincial level. Coaching today's players is a way for Matt to give back to the community, the club and the coaches that taught him as a young soccer player.

Matt enjoys interacting with the players and teaching them life skills on the soccer field. One of Matt's mentors told him as a youngster that "You don't have to be great at something to start, you have to stay in it to be great." Playing soccer has taught him that people learn by trial and error, and the more often a player practice at a sport, the better he or she becomes. It's a message Matt said he hopes to instill in the players he coaches today.

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HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTION

DR MERRITT

Through years of researching historical topics, Richard Merritt has become an authority on the history of Niagara-on-the-Lake and early Upper Canada. He has been a tremendous asset to the Historical Society and Museum over the years. Not only does he consult in the areas of research, exhibitions and publications, but for more than 25 years he has been a volunteer as part of the collections management committee. He uses his vast knowledge of Upper Canadian history to help decide what items are suitable for the museum's collection based on their significance to Niagara-on-the-Lake's history and the people who lived here. Last year, he guest-curated a special exhibition on the First World War training ground known as Niagara Camp. He also published a book about the same topic, the proceeds of which were all donated to the museum. This important research helped to commemorate Niagara's involvement in the First World War and leave a legacy for future generations. Niagara-on-the-Lake is one of the oldest communities in Ontario and its history is important to the formation of this province and of Canada as a country. Dr. Merritt's passion for preserving this history and presenting it to the public helps this community to better understand and appreciate its past.

WORK WITH THE ENVIRONMENT

PETER KAVANAGH

Peter Kavanagh passed away recently, after a short time in Niagara-on-the-Lake, but in that time he made a mark on a town rich with volunteerism. He became a member of the committee working on an application to have Niagara-on-the-Lake named a World Heritage Site, and he became a board member of the Harmony Residents Group, which is lobbying to have the former DND property preserved as a heritage park. Peter has been described as a very thoughtful and methodical person, who carefully considered his words and his actions, and his input to the Harmony Group was very much respected and appreciated. One of his initiatives was to spearhead a project with an aboriginal group focused on health and wellness by getting back to nature. It became a high priority to him to forge a relationship between that group and Parks Canada, envisioning the native group as an integral part of the future development of the Lakeshore Road nature park. Peter took such a leadership role that his involvement will be very much missed - he made a huge imprint on the progress of the group in a short time, and we want to be sure that is recognized and remembered with this award for contribution to the environment.

CULTURAL CONTRIBUTION

BARB O'CONNOR

Take an early walk through the historic St. Mark's Cemetery, one of the oldest and most beautiful in the country, and you will often see Barb O'Connor quietly toiling away. She may be weeding, trimming bushes, or hauling bags of debris to the roadside, whether it's a hot summer morning or a rainy day. The volunteer task she has undertaken is one of those that is very much behind the scenes, unknown to many, as she quietly and energetically keeps the cemetery in wonderful shape for those who will walk by, meander along the paths, or visit their loved ones. She is making sure this peaceful and historic corner of the Old Town continues as a valuable asset to the community. Thank you Barb, for your contribution to maintaining an important part of the culture of our town.

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WORK WITH YOUTH

LEIGH GORING

It is hard these days to find a place where young girls can go to have fun in a positive, empowering environment, but the Girl Guide movement is still going strong thanks to the leadership of an amazing group of women, including Leigh Goring, who is an outstanding role model to our local girls. Every week she plans activities that teach responsibility, kindness, social consciousness and team work, and goes above and beyond to come up with meaningful and relevant activities for the girls and their community, including shoreline cleanup, visiting and singing to the elderly and helping to collect goods for the less fortunate. She mixes all this with excursions such as geo-caching, visiting a local vet, snowshoeing, and learning about other cultures around the world. And she takes her time with each girl to help them navigate this world. Whether it's conflict resolution, problem solving, kindness, respect or support, Leigh does it all. The parents of the local girl guide group say they are very thankful for all Leigh does and believe her dedication to teaching and empowering our girls deserves this recognition.

EDUCATION

RITA COLLING & JOHN ZYCH

Rita and John are two of those special people who help our local students by volunteering at school. Rita has been the Catholic School Council Chair at St. Michael for the past two years and is the school's representative for the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education. She has been an invaluable resource at the school, spear-heading and organizing Food Days and Movie Nights, and is a huge organizer for the school's annual Golf tournament which raises money for the school and a scholarship program for students. She is also a member of the volunteer reading program, working with students on their reading skills.

John is a member of the Catholic School Council and is also involved in the volunteer reading program. He is very interested in helping students reach their potential and spent the summer helping a few students improve their reading. He has also helped to develop a career day program for Grade 7 and 8 students. He is working to continue this program and is in the process of lining up guests. Thank you Rita and John, for helping to ensure the students at St. Michael get the terrific education they deserve.

VOLUNTEERS UNDER 21

TESS ROBERTS & AVERY ROYER

Tess is in her second year as a student senator at St. Michael, a position that allows her to collaborate with other student senators from other elementary schools. These students meet throughout the year to discuss the great things that take place within their schools. She was also a volunteer at the Vacation Bible Camp that took place this summer, in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul Church, helping organize different activities for the younger children, and she volunteers with the local figure skating club, teaching young children how to skate.

Avery is a member of St. Michael's student council and is one of the school's deputy prime ministers on this year's council, a position which allows her to assist in the planning of activities throughout the school year. She was also a volunteer at the Vacation Bible Camp and volunteers with the skating club. These two girls are a great example of young volunteers who are learning early in life to make a difference in their community, and we are pleased to recognize them with this award.

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Niagara recruiting child care providers

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If moulding young minds sounds like the ideal way to spend your days, then Niagara Region may have the job for you.

The Region is on the hunt for more home child-care providers to join its licensed program.

Demand for child care is high in the area and there is particular need for caregivers with flexible hours to accommodate parents working evening and weekend shifts, said Helen Lake, the Region's manager of children's services.

To help meet that need, an information and recruiting session for potential candidates is being held Thursday at regional headquarters..

The intention is to not only recruit more providers, but to also educate parents about the difference between licensed and unlicensed home child care in Ontario, as well as regulations changes under the new Child Care and Early Years Act introduced in 2015.

"For the first time in Ontario, all child-care spaces are now considered regulated in that the government has placed some expectations on anyone looking after children in their home," Lake said.

There are many home child-care providers who watch youngsters in their homes privately, without a licence.

While there is no issue with this, some parents may appreciate assurances that being with a licensed program can provide, Lake said.

Under the Region's program, all adults within the home, including those who frequently visit, must undergo a criminal background check and must have up-to-date immunizations or an exemption.

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Care Giver Kathleen Morales is photographed with, clockwise from top left, Anthony Morales, Maddie Morales, Alivia O'Laney and Zachary O'Laney at her home day care in St. Catharines.

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Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, 1915

GENERAL STATISTICS CANADA AT WAR: PARTICIPATION AND CASUALTIES

South Africa War (1899-1902)
Approximately 7,000 Canadians served; 267 of them gave their lives.

First World War (1914-1918)
Approximately 650,000 Canadians served, including members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, Canadians and Newfoundlanders who served with British forces (Newfoundland was a colony of Great Britain until 1949) and merchant mariners. Of this number, nearly 69,000 gave their lives.

Second World War (1939-1945)
More than one million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in Canada's Armed Forces, in Allied Forces or in the merchant navy; over 47,000 of them gave their lives.

Korean War (1950-1953)
26,791 Canadians served in the Canadian Army Special Forces; 516 of them gave their lives.

Peacekeeping/Foreign Military Operations (1947 to present)
Approximately 150,000 Canadians have served in peacekeeping missions/foreign military operations since 1947; more than 130 Canadians have given their lives in this service.

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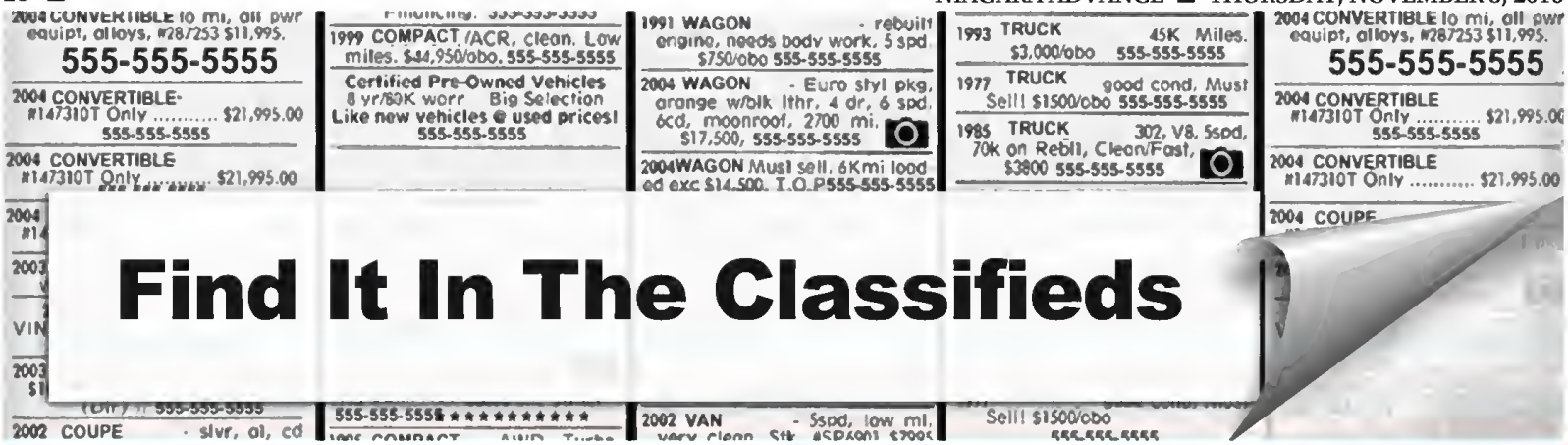

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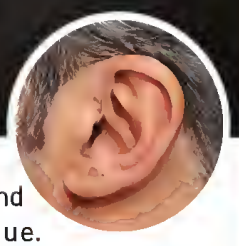

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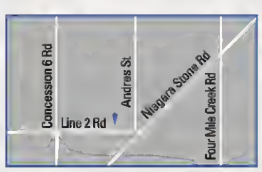

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Region offers its providers free membership to the early childhood community development centre

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The home must be smoke-free and undergo a fire inspection before a contract with the Region is signed. All pets must have their rabies shots.

"There are unannounced home visits once a month by our staff, which can give parents reassurance, too," Lake said.

"It's all for the safety of the kids at the end of the day."

The Region currently has 73 providers across Niagara looking after 350 children.

"We would like to expand by 10 more providers before Christmas. More if possible," Lake said. "There's a need in all of our communities to expand."

The ideal candidate enjoys spending time with children and wants to make a difference in their lives, she said.

"They should have a passion for that."

It was the opportunity to stay home with her own children while also caring for others that enticed Kathleen Morales into the new career in 2014.

After giving birth to her second child, the St. Catharines mother was exploring child-care options for her own kids so she could return to her job as a medical office receptionist.

While inquiring about subsidized care through the Region, she learned about launching her own child-care operation.

"I looked at the numbers and realized I could be making money running a day care, rather than just working to pay for day care. It made sense that I could do this, stay home and not have to pay other people to watch my kids."

It has since been a rewarding experience for the 31-year-old, who has enjoyed watching the children she oversees grow and change with time.

"I can be more involved in my own kids' lives and be able to be there for others as well. It's a great experience."

Morales said she's also benefited from the professional development opportunities offered through the Region, including a series of educational workshops that touch on topics such as privacy with client files, safety in the home, nutrition, speech and language.

Morales watches over two children through the Region's program, as well as a third privately, in addition to her own children, who are three and six.

Licensed providers can watch up to six children, while unlicensed caregivers can have no more than five children in their home under the age of 13.

A typical day in the Morales home includes a mixture of activities, including reading, circle time with dancing and singing, and outdoor play both at a park next door and in her backyard.

"We also go for nice walks. I have a big wagon and I'm right by the canal."

Add in breaks for snacks and lunch, as well as nap time for little ones or quiet time for older children to read or watch a TV show, and it makes for a jam-packed day.

Lake said the Region's providers are often women who are at home raising their own children.

There are currently no males in the program, but they are encouraged to apply.

Providers under the Region's umbrella, though considered to be running their own business, are assisted in connecting with clients.

That pool of clients has shown a growing need for child care with more flexible hours.

"We have students and a lot of parents working retail and tourism jobs," Lake said, adding they need assistance with child care outside of traditional Monday to Friday office hours.

"We're really hoping there will be some interested individuals out there that would like to talk to us about that."

While it can be "hard to talk about children and money," providers can "earn a really decent income," particularly if that flexibility is available, Lake said.

The Region, she added, is "very respectful" of a provider's ability to choose their own hours to ensure proper work-life balance.

Providers also have the opportunity to access a provincial wage enhancement grant, which this year adds up to $20 a day per home.

"That can add up to a fair amount of money through the period of a year," Lake said.

The new act regulating child care has put focus not only on health and safety, but also on the quality of care and the increase of parental engagement, Lake said.

There has been a shift in thinking, with child-care providers, whether in a home or centre setting, now looked at as professional educators, rather than babysitters, she said.

"The impact they have on young children's lives is huge."

To support that aspect of the job, the Region also offers its providers a free membership to the early childhood community development centre, a local professional resource facility.

Regional staff are also available to provide support during the start-up process, as well as through challenging times, Lake said.

"We really value strong relationships with our providers and our parents. We're all working together for the benefit of the child."

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Both groups were each in need of a new roof at their facilities and the event last month made this possible.

Red Roof Retreat will use the funds for a roof on the barn at its property.

A local donor, Tom Thornton, offered his 1993 Infiniti as the auction's top prize. The community bid on the vintage luxury vehicle and on the day of the auction, Muriel Stenhouse was the lucky winner.

Claire Ellsworth special events co-ordinator at Red Roof Retreat, said without the generosity of Thornton, the event would not have been possible. She would love to see something like this become an annual event but it would take another donation of this scale to make it happen.

"The car was kind of the main focal point. Unless someone donates another car - then we'll be able to do it again," she said.

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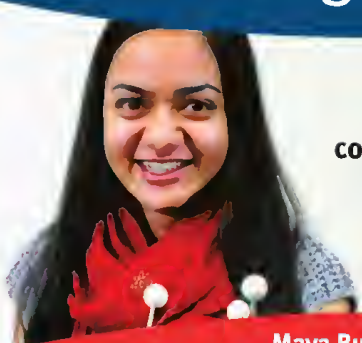

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and women are being encouraged to stay up-to-date with mammograms. Pictured are Dr. Tom Li, radiologist, and Lisa Perrella, senior technologist, at the GNGH breast screening clinic.

Early detection still best chance

ALISON LANGLEY
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Breast cancer is the most common cancer in Canadian women, with one in nine expected to be diagnosed in their lifetime.

And, while early detection through mammography can result in increased treatment options and better survival rates, many women avoid getting the procedure.

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Last month was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and women are always being encouraged to stay up-to-date with mammograms as part of their routine medical care.

"There are many reasons women are apprehensive about having a mammogram and I think one reason is they are afraid of something being found," said Dr. Janice Giesbrecht, medical director of the oncology program at the Niagara Health System.

"What we tell people is it's far better to know if there is something and have it checked and find out it is nothing of concern than going on worrying."

Some women put off getting a mammogram out of fear the procedure will be uncomfortable or painful. A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast, and detects any changes that have occurred, even those too small for the average person to feel or see. During the procedure, a plastic plate is slowly pressed down to flatten the breast and hold it in place for a few seconds.

By following a few simple steps, Giesbrecht said, women can decrease the level of worry and anxiety.

"We want to make it more comfortable for them to come in as opposed to a worry."

A growing trend is women who make appointments together and "make a date of it."

"Make it something you do together," Giesbrecht said. "Then plan dinner together or something like that afterward."

The same concept can apply to women from different cultural communities who are unfamiliar with the process.

"It can help if they come together as a group, or even ask if people from their church or cultural group can come with them so they can all support each other."

Bottom line, Niagara's top oncologist says, is "just book it."

There has been a dramatic decrease in breast cancer-related deaths in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom since the implementation of modern mammography in 1990.

"It's in part due to screening but also to better treatments of breast cancer.

"The message is that even if you are diagnosed with breast cancer, you are likely to need less treatment and less surgery. Those are all good reasons to have a mammogram."

Breast cancer does have one of the highest survival rates compared to other cancers, according to Cancer Care Ontario.

And mammograms are one of the best and most reliable ways to detect breast cancer early on.

The Ontario Breast Screening Program offers free screening to women ages 50 to 74 with no signs of breast cancer. The program also screens women ages 30 to 69 years who are identified as being at high risk for breast cancer.

The NHS has three full-service OBSP centres and assessment clinics in Niagara Falls, Welland and St. Catharines. Satellite clinics are also available in Port Colborne and Fort Erie.

Women ages 50 to 74 can make an appointment at an OBSP site without a doctor's referral. For more information, call 905-378-4647 or visit www.niagarahealth.on.ca/en/breast-screening.

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TIPS INCLUDE

Do not use deodorants, antiperspirants, body lotions, or talcum powders before the mammogram. Metals in these products can show up on the X-ray picture.

Avoid wearing necklaces or long earrings, since metals can show up in the X-ray.

Keep longer hair tied or pinned up so it's not in the way.

Most women's breasts are tender the week before and after their period. Book your mammogram for a time when your breasts are not so tender.

Some women take a mild pain relief pill, such as the kind you would take for a headache, one to two hours before the appointment. Only do this if it will not affect any other medicines or any health concerns you may have.

Some experts suggest having less caffeine for two weeks before the appointment to help reduce tenderness.

Watch video at hhsshare.ca/2016/10/mammogram-tips/

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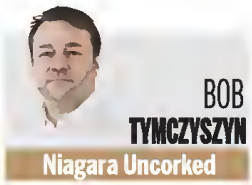
Tucking away wines and opening whisky bottles



It's that time of year to put all the outdoor furniture away, give the grass one last cut and start sorting through the summer clothes that get tucked away for another year.

It's also the time when some wine lovers put away the wonderful summer wines, replacing them with bolder and full-bodied reds and whites.

There are two wines, both made from the "Heartbreak Grape" that I tasted just recently that might be worth tucking away as well.

But before we get to those Pinot Noirs, I was recently asked about aging whiskies and if they improve over time.

The consensus is that whiskey or most alcohols do not age once they are in the bottle. Their time in the barrel is what's important, which is why a well-aged scotch that has sat for 18 years or more can cost an arm, perhaps even a leg.

So those of you sitting on that 1970s Crown Royal from your wedding have no reason to keep it locked up.

In fact, if the bottle was previously opened it may suffer from evaporation, changing the taste.

The one good piece of news is that unlike wine, whisky, and certain liquors, can sit for along without any major change.

And in fact, as Gretzky whisky master distiller Joshua Beard recently explained to me, the whisky you have sitting there may be a great example of the methods and ingredients they used at that time since recipes do change over the years.

Now, back to the Pinot Noirs, I tasted the Flat Rock Cellars Gravity Pinot Noir and Foreign Affair 2012 Pinot Noir.

Both of these wines are "premium-ish" and are on the heavier side of the style with the Flat Rock embracing Burgundian flavours while the Foreign Affair uses appasimento-style to bring richness and colour.

Flat Rock Cellars Gravity is a medium-weight Pinot and the colour remains delicate in the glass. On the nose, there is cherry and a very slight earthiness. The palate is very smooth with just enough tannins to make a complete package. It drinks well on its own or with a lighter meat dish.

Bringing the appassimento style, which uses some dried grapes, into the creation, the Foreign Affair Pinot is heavier with alcohol at 14 per cent compared to the Flat Rock at 13 per cent. But one would expect that to be the case with appassimento style.

I think it's still young, with acidity that will make it a nice wine to serve with a meal like pasta Bolognese.

The beautiful thing is that both of these wines can still spend time tucked away in your wine rack and they won't be worse for wear.

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Flat Rock Cellars Gravity Pinot Noir and Foreign Affair 2012

D'Angelo to meet region council in early 2017

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Having an already established relationship with Niagara's municipalities and being familiar with local issues was merely a "bonus," Caslin said.

D'Angelo has held senior leadership positions in both municipal and health-care sectors.

He will start at the Region Nov. 14, taking over the top job from Mo Lewis, who had been serving on an interim basis after Harry Schlange quit in April.

According to public sector salary disclosure files, Schlange was paid $233,785 for the job in 2015.

He left his job in Niagara to take over as CAO in Brampton.

D'Angelo's appointment left Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn with some concerns.

He feels D'Angelo has "done an excellent job at the NPCA, fixing up procedures and processes and has worked or has tried to work effectively with stakeholders."

However, Augustyn said landing the top regional job is "quite a leap" from a small organization with a small budget compared to the Region's $1-billion undertaking.

"I am anticipating there will be some learning curve, growing pains that we'll have to work together with staff on as a council for this to be successful," he said. "I was concerned about that and that's why I voted the way I did."

Augustyn expressed disappointment in the recruitment process, saying he felt council was provided "very little information" throughout.

"Most of the information I got was through rumour, which turned out to be true in terms of the preferred candidate," he said. "Although it says in the terms of reference that the chair is to keep council informed, that didn't occur."

Augustyn also took issue with the timing of the special daytime council meeting, which he had hoped to see moved to a Thursday evening, when council meetings are typically held.

As a result of the timing, there were several councillors unable to attend Monday, he said.

NPCA board chairman and St. Catharines Coun. Bruce Timms said he is disappointed to lose D'Angelo from the environmental agency but is looking forward to him taking the reins at the Region.

In the interim, Peter Graham, former director of watershed management, has been appointed as the NPCA's acting CAO. The appointment was made by Timms in consultation with NPCA vice-chairman Sandy Annunziata.

In his time with the NPCA, D'Angelo has been "very effective in implementing the strategic plan that the board hired him to implement," Timms said.

"He has my full confidence. In his role at the NPCA I found him very effective and he has my full confidence that he can meet the challenges of this role."

As a result of D'Angelo's "astute implementation" of that strategic plan, Timms said the conservation authority has "won the confidence of the agricultural community, landowners, stakeholders and a large number of the public in terms of the methods we are using to resolve issues."

Asked about concerns raised by the public about transparency at the organization, Timms said the NPCA has set a provincial example by streaming its meetings and adopting best practices.

Niagara Falls resident Linda Babb was one of about 10 people who attended Monday's meeting to express concern with council's direction.

"Our biggest concern is we're seeing an increased lack of transparency and complete disregard for the long-term interest of the region," she said.

"We as people, as taxpayers, don't understand how someone who was CAO of the NPCA, which does not seem to be following its mandate, we don't see how the CAO of that (organization) can now be considered suitable as CAO of the whole Region. In general, there's a lack of trust in the process."

Babb said she's a member of a diverse group of concerned citizens who first came together to address environmental concerns over a proposed Niagara Falls development.

Those efforts then "opened our eyes to the bigger picture," she said, adding "administrative affairs are not being dealt with openly."

St. Catharines Coun. Tim Rigby was pleased with the recruitment process, which he felt followed council's direction.

"We had some reasonable people sitting on that (selection) committee," he said. "I think they did their very best to select the one person they felt was the right person to lead us."

Fellow St. Catharines Coun. Brian Heit had concerns with Monday's vote.

He felt, in wake of the report that had been circulated about the NPCA, the decision to appoint a new CAO should have been deferred.

"When I saw (the document), it disturbed me enough that I thought everything should be on hold until the air was cleared, and I don't believe it has been."

In early 2017, D'Angelo will meet with council and jointly develop and document his performance objectives for the following 12 months, many of which will be directly related to council's strategic priorities.

Calls to D'Angelo for comment were not returned.

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Kyra Marotta came home with the silver medal placing second in Pre-Novice Women (Group 8). Audrey Morrison was fifth in Pre-Novice Women (Group 1). Natalie Li placed sixth in the Junior Women's event. It was their last competition prior to the Western Ontario Sectional Championships being held in Komoka, Ont. from Nov. 11 to 13, in which all three skaters will be competing in their respective categories. The Sectional competition is the qualifying event to Skate Canada's national event challenge held in Pierrefonds, Que. this year from Nov. 30 to Dec 4. Also entering the WO Sectional Championships this season are Rachael Hunter and Marin McLaughlin in the Juvenile Ladies U14 event and Ashleen Hale in Pre-Juvenile Ladies U13 and Tatum Lyric Tidal in Pre-Juvenile Ladies U11.

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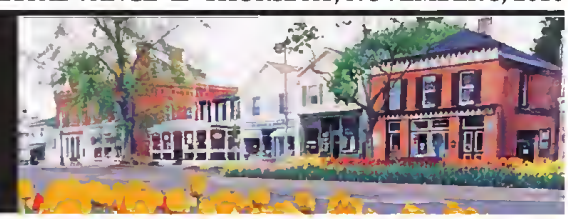

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Hunger remains a growing issue across Niagara

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Hunger is not only a growing problem in Niagara, but across Ontario as well.

That's why the Ontario Association of Food Banks held its first Hunger Action Month in September. The association also launched a month-long campaign to raise awareness of hunger in the province, and the 360,000 adults and children who visit food banks every month.

To mark the occasion, MPPs in communities from across Ontario gathered at local food banks to sort food.

According to Niagara Falls riding MPP Wayne Gates, hunger is an issue that needs to be kept in the spotlight all year round, and never left on the back burner, which is why he visited the Salvation Army on Gilmore Road in Fort Erie Friday morning to help volunteers sort food.

"I wanted to (volunteer) to show support for the community and to raise awareness about hunger," Gates said.

"There is a great need not only in the community of Fort Erie, but the entire Niagara Falls riding," he added.

The most recent Hunger Report, released by the Ontario Association of Food Banks last December revealed a 35 per cent spike in the number of senior citizens accessing food banks over the previous year. It also showed that while food bank use has remained consistent in the last three years, it is still 14 per cent higher than pre-recession numbers in Ontario.

Gates has volunteered at other food banks, soup kitchens and charities in Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake. He said he's met with many people who are forced to make a choice between paying for rent, increasingly high hydro bills or food for their families.

"The need (in Niagara) is incredible," he said.

The Ontario Association of Food Banks has made three recommendations to the provincial government on how it can address the root causes of hunger. These recommendation are: to follow through on the Basic Income Pilot project as outlined in the 2016 provincial budget; to strengthen policies that make housing affordable for all Ontario residents; and to improve social assistance rates immediately, while testing better methods for lifting people out of poverty.

SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

MPP Wayne Gates visited the Salvation Army on Garrison Road in Fort Erie on Friday to help volunteers sort food.

Elliott Innes, Community and Family Services manager at the Salvation Army, said he travelled to Queen's Park to join other advocates and MPPs, including Gates, to further discuss the hunger issue during National Hunger Awareness Week, which was held from Sept. 19 to 23.

"The need is growing, and here in Fort Erie we serve 1,000 meals monthly through our food security programs, which include the food bank and our mobile outreach truck," he said.

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